

March 19, 2009

The Honorable Andrew McDonald
The Honorable Michael Lawlor
Co-Chairs, Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator McDonald and Representative Lawlor:

We are asking your support of H.B. No. 6680 'an act concerning state marshals, judicial marshals, witness fees and the service of process'.

For the past eight years, a segment of judicial marshals, hired prior to the change in jurisdiction, have not received an annual increment. The group met all requirements of their position from the first day of hire. When the position changed from Special Deputy Sheriff to Judicial Marshal, the requirement of a commercial driver's license became a requirement of new hires. At the same time, the position became a union position. This group of marshals was assured they would be grandfathered into the position, hence, not required to obtain a commercial driver's license.

For the past eight years, this group of marshals has been denied an annual increment because they lack the CDL. No one has said officially that they must obtain one. Performance evaluations have never indicated that the lack of CDL prevented the marshals from carrying out their position responsibilities.

Please support and pass H.B. No. 6680.

Thank you.

Gail Pittman,
Judicial Marshal